

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 have been examined, claims 2-4 are cancelled, claim 1 is amended, and claims 5-6 are added. Accordingly, claims 1 and 5-6 are now pending in the application. It is noted with appreciation that claim 1 has been indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter. Reexamination and reconsideration of all outstanding rejections and objections are requested.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for failure to recite structural relationships between elements. Claim 1 has been amended to recite such structural relationships.

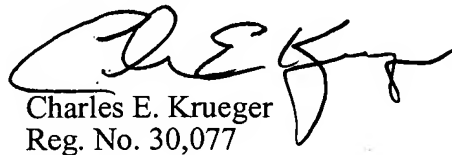
Fig. 1B is added to depict the structural relationships recited in amended claim 1. Fig. 1B was included in a provisional patent application entitled IR THERMOMETER FOR AUTOMOTIVE APPLICATIONS, A/N 60/423,672, filed October 31, 2002, which is incorporated by reference in the present application. Accordingly, Fig. 1B is not new matter.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (925) 944-3320.

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